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Mission Vision '95 is the theme of North Carolina Baptists for the years of 1990–1995. The Long Range Planning Committee worked for two years in researching and studying the multiple church and people needs of our state. This committee brought to the 1988 convention a recommendation concerning a theme, seven major objectives and 23 goals. These major objectives grew out of people and church needs. The planning committee felt these objectives were ministry opportunities that must be addressed by our churches. These seven objectives are:

Win the Lost
Start New Congregations
Develop Disciples
Strengthen Families
Magnify Worship
Support Missions
Minister to Human Need

At the same time our state mission work is being focused in these directions, North Carolina Baptist Men are currently involved in 11 specific areas of ministry: Agricultural Missions, Combatting Moral Problems, Correctional Ministries, Disaster Relief, Homeland Projects, Lay Renewal, Lay Revivals, Medical Missions, Overseas Missions, Prayer Support, and Resort and Recreational Ministries. How do the seven objectives of Mission Vision '95 and the 11 ministry areas blend together? The answer is found in the purpose statements of the Baptist State Convention and that of North Carolina Baptist Men.

The purpose of the Baptist State Convention is "to assist churches in their divinely appointed mission; to promote missions, evangelism, education, social services, the distribution of the Bible and sound religious literature; and to cooperate with the Southern Baptist Convention." The purpose statement of North Carolina Baptist Men, while not expressed in these exact words, indicates the same kind of involvement with churches, with missions, evangelism, education, the distribution of the Bible and sound religious literature and a cooperative spirit. MISSION VISION '95 then provides the umbrella under which all North Carolina Baptists (N.C. Baptist Men, Woman's Missionary Union, educational institutions, social service institutions, agencies, etc.) are working and ministering together in the years of 1990-1995.

In recent years, a major emphasis in N.C. Baptist Men's programming has been the role of the laity in marketplace ministries. I'm convinced that if NC Baptist Men are going to make an impact on the world in which we live and move and have our being, then we must be serious about living out our faith in a lifestyle that represents Jesus Christ. It will mean winning the lost, being a part of or supporting a new congregation, helping to develop (disciple) new believers, worshipping the Lord in the beauty of His holiness, supporting missions financially, prayerfully and through personal involvement, ministering to human needs in the church community and elsewhere, and to be aggressive in strengthening our own families and others. This is what N.C. Baptist Men are all about as we remain true to the commitment that we made when we accepted Jesus Christ as our personal Savior. In all of our eleven ministry opportunities and in implementing the seven major objectives of MISSION VISION '95, we have the best opportunity available to live as Christlike men on mission for Jesus Christ in North Carolina and around the world.

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On the Cover

After two years and 18 construction teams, much work has been accomplished on the dormitory at the Polish Baptist Seminary (located just outside of Warsaw). Volunteer teams are still needed to complete this four-story building this year. If you are willing to go to Poland this year, call the N.C. Baptist Men's office at (800) 395–5102.

North Carolina Baptist Men Elect New Officers

At the annual N.C. Baptist Men's Convention in Charlotte, January 17–19, 1992, new officers were elected for the 1992 year, beginning their responsibilities immediately following the convention.

Raiford Troutman's term as president was extended for one year.

N.C. Baptist Men's officers serving with him are:

Maurice Cook, Raleigh, vice-president (East)
Ben Sutton, Winston-Salem. vice-president (Piedmont)
Ernie Stines, Canton, vice-president (West)
John Freeman, Raleigh, recording secretary

Mission Ministries Coordinators:

Ag Missions: Buck Hill, Kinston
Combatting Moral Problems: Dana Hall, Charlotte
Correctional Ministries: Joe Lawing, Gastonia
Disaster Relief: Richard Crapps, Greenville
Home Missions Projects: Ernie Grigsby, Ayden
Lay Renewal: Chick Byrd, Charlotte
Lay Revival: Donald Greene, Hickory
Medical Missions: Herb Davis, Lexington
Overseas Missions: Robert Stroup, Spruce Pine
Prayer Support: Buddy Freeman, Boiling Springs
Resort/Recreational Missions: Jim Burchette, Raleigh

Age level Program Directors:

Lad/Crusader: Andy Brown, Greenville
Pioneer/HSBYM: Johnny Childers, Hildebran
Baptist Men: Sanford Smith, Greensboro

Regional Baptist Men's Directors:

#1 C. C. Howell, Seaboard
#2 Max Miller, New Bern
#3 John Ross, Bolivia
#4 Bill Law, Raleigh
#5 Harry Harkey, Winston-Salem
#6 Coy Privette, Kannapolis
#7 Robert Hollyfield, Jonesville
#8 Bob Foy, Mooresville
#9 Fred Sealey, Leicester
#10 Paul Crisp, Murphy

At Large Board Members:

'95 Harold Causby, Shelby
'95 John Stanley, Winston-Salem
'94 Bob Shields, Rocky Mount
'94 Tommy Todd, Wilmington
'93 Vincent Tilson, Murfreesboro
'93 Herbert Moore, Farmville

The above men work closely with the paid staff to make certain the men in North Carolina find ways to use their given talents in service for our Lord. Please add these men to your prayer list.

Convention Notebooks

Anyone interested in purchasing additional notebooks from the 1992 Baptist Men's Convention in Charlotte, may do so by contacting the Baptist Men's Office in Cary at (800)395–5102. The notebooks may be purchased at $3 each.

Mission Teams Going to Poland

Both skilled and unskilled labor needed

Several mission teams will travel to the European country of Poland this year to help construct a Baptist seminary located outside the capital city of Warsaw. The project began in 1990 and is scheduled to be completed this year.

Teams will go to Poland in 1992 on April 23–May 12; May 14–June 2; June 4–23; June 25–July 14; July 16–August 4; August 6–25; August 27–September 15; September 17–October 6; and October 8–27. Cost is $1,600 including all costs except spending money.

Living conditions will be adequate but in no way plush! The team's lodging and meals will be provided in a large farm house on the property.

On the weekends, team members will be divided into several groups and taken to different parts of the country to stay in the homes of Polish Baptists and worship in their churches.

For more information or application, call or write: N.C. Baptist Men, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512; (800) 395–5102.

Tape Order Form
North Carolina Baptist Men's Convention
First Baptist Church, Charlotte January 17–19, 1992

Cassette (check one) _____ video _____ audio

_____ Friday P.M. (Roy Smith/Doug Herman)

_____ Saturday A.M. 9:00–10:35 (Leonard LeSourd)

_____ Saturday A.M. 10:35–12:20 (Gordon Dalbey)

* Saturday P.M. Cost = $12 per video tape

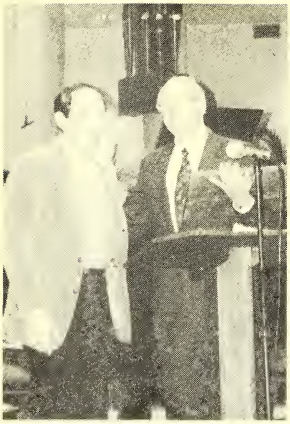
$3 per audio cassette: _____ Smith/Herman _____ LeSourd/Dalbey
* (We were not allowed to tape Dino's concert; however, audio cassette for Saturday night's session up to the concert is available.)

Enclosed is my check for $_____ to cover the cost of the tapes indicated above.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____



Skip Greene, Jr. Named 'Layman of the Year'

G. Perry "Skip" Greene of Boone was honored at the 1992 Baptist Men's Convention in Charlotte as "Layman of the Year". Skip, who has just completed his three-year term as State Overseas Missions Coordinator, has been involved in men's work extensively for many years. He served as a key leader of volunteers in the Togo Partnership and presently in the Poland Partnership. In addition, he has also coordinated mission projects in several countries such as Jamaica.

Skip has also played a major role in the disaster relief ministry. He currently serves as Region 7 Disaster Relief Coordinator. He has participated in all the major disaster relief efforts that NC Baptist Men have been requested to provide assistance.

Skip has not only found his place of service on the state level, he has been actively involved in his association as well as his church. By profession, Skip is a building contractor; by calling, he is a Christian. He is married to Dee and they have two daughters. They are members of First Baptist Church, Boone.

Retired Missionaries To Africa Tell Story

Gary and Evelyn Harthcock of Winter Park, Florida have just released a new book, *Help Me Small: True Adventures of African Village Life.* The book, published by Brentwood Christian Press of Columbus, Georgia recounts their experiences as mission volunteers in Liberia, West Africa, as they sought to minister to the need of people in the bush villages.

In March of 1985, the Harthcocks retired as Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to the former British colony of Antigua in the British West Indies. Learning of the needs among our missionaries in West Africa, the Harthcocks volunteered to help there. From January 1986 until January 1990, they worked as part of the Southern Baptist Mission in Liberia. Because of the remoteness of the mission stations, they were privileged to see and experience a way of life quite foreign to twentieth-century America. Secret societies, bush schools, devil dances, animal sacrifices, spirit worship, and many other integral parts of Liberian life are detailed as the Harthcocks tell of tribal life among the Greboes, Krahns, Krus, Lomas, Gbandies, Kissies, and the other major tribes in the country.

Gary Harthcock is a native of Clarksdale, Mississippi. Preceding his foreign mission work, he was a U.S. Navy pilot, and served 14 years on the staff of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. For 10 of those years, he was Director of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, near Hendersonville. He was one of the two primary founders of the Baptist Lay Witnessing Foundation over 33 years ago.

Evelyn White Harthcock is a native of Colerain, North Carolina and is a graduate of Meredith College. For a number of years she worked as an elementary school teacher and as a Special Education teacher in the Morehead School for the Blind in Raleigh, N.C. Evelyn has been active in training children and young people in the mission organizations of the church.

Copies of *Help Me Small* are available for $14.50 each (including postage and handling), and can be obtained by writing the Harthcocks at the following address:
Gary and Evelyn Harthcock
1714 Eastbrook Blvd.
Winter Park, Florida 32792
(407) 657-1897
Please make checks payable to *"Help Me Small."*

'Book Link' Provides Print Materials Across World

Book-Link, a ministry of the National Fellowship of Baptist Educators, continues its ministry of receiving and distributing Christian books and periodicals to places of need across the world. Bibles, commentaries, textbooks, and other spiritual books have been shipped literally around the world.

The National Fellowship of Baptist Educators is now enlarging its Book-Link distribution system. James E. Powell of Memphis, assumed the position of Executive Director on January 1, 1992. Powell will enlist and direct four directors of shipping, with one in each of the four time zones in the United States.

The main thrust of the enlargement of the scope of Book-Link operations is to:
1. Involve more people from a diversity of communities across the nation, and distribute the work load.
2. Enlistment of Mission Service Corp or other volunteer in each of the four time zones, to serve as director of shipping.
3. Maximize the opportunity for each director of shipping to seek the donation of and trans-ship books

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from each area to people who want and need Christian books.

4. Enhance the possibility of more Baptist Brotherhoods and groups or individuals to become involved in the budget process of Book-Link to provide a broader base of support to extend the ministry for Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board operations.

All future donations and shipments of books to Book-Link should be addressed and shipped to:

James E. Powell, Executive Director
BFTW-Book-Link
First Baptist Church
Collierville, TN 38017
Telephone: Residence
(901) 853-7378
First Baptist Church (901) 853-2668

For assistance in selecting, boxing, and shipping books you or your church may not be utilizing by parcel post or fourth class book rate, call or write to Powell or the North Carolina Baptist Men's office.

Christian Life New Testaments

Christian Life New Testaments are now available from N.C. Baptist Men.

Special features include: presentation page, certificate of baptism, Christian Life Master Outlines, and study notes, 15 outlines referenced by chains, and index of master outlines.

The New Testaments are 3 3/4 x 5 1/2 in size and have burgundy leatherflex covers. The cost is $2.75 each (retails for $4.95).

To order, please make your check payable to N.C. Baptist Men, and mail to: PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512.

National Fellowship Changes Names

The name of the National Fellowship of Baptist Men has been changed to the National Fellowship of Baptists in Missions.

This change has come about to establish the further involvement of women and young people, as to previously indicating only "Baptist Men." NFBM has included women in its membership since its inception. The change of name is a very positive move and was approved unanimously and wholeheartedly by the NFBM General Council, and Brotherhood Commission Trustees at their annual meeting in October.

This effort fits in with the coeducational efforts of the Brotherhood Commission.

New general brochures are now available listing all the individual fellowships of NFBM. These can be purchased through the Customer Services Department of the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis (800) 727-6466). Individual fellowship brochures are now being updated. North Carolina Baptist Men presently has about 164 individuals affiliating with fellowships of the National Fellowship of Baptists in Missions.

AGRICULTURAL MISSIONS

Ag Missions Extravaganzas Scheduled in Kinston, Hickory

Many times the cry is heard "What can I do to involve Baptist men and RAs in mission projects concerned with world hunger?" or "How can I use my gifts and talents in a Transformational Ministry?" These questions are often heard as I visit in churches across North Carolina.

I believe that the first step is to be convicted of God's plan toward all mankind and have a better understanding of how God is working through Southern Baptists around the world to meet the needs of a "lost and hurting World."

(1.2 billion have not heard of Jesus 500 million people are chronically hungry — 1 billion people are vulnerable to hunger at some time 40,000 children under 5 die from preventable malnutrition and infection each day)

We minister in the name of Christ to give a cup of cool water, a handful of seeds, a way to stop eroding their hillsides, better breeding stock, to bring healing to their land, their lives, and to bring harmony with their Creator.

You can be informed by participating in the AGRICULTURAL MISSIONS EXTRAVAGANZA nearest you. This conference is for all individuals adults and children who are concerned about the growing gap of suffering around the globe and how agricultural missionaries are responding to the challenge.

The first conference will be held on March 13-14, 1992 at Spilman Memorial Baptist Church, Kinston. You may make room reservations at the Sheraton Inn, Kinston, 919/523-1400, (lodging cost: $35). Reservation deadline is March 6. We will have three missionaries: John Crews, Veterinarian Tanzania; Kurt Lawrence Thailand; and Chris Ingram, Uruguay. They will share their activities and needs to minister in Christ's name.

The second conference location is the Comfort Suites Hotel, Hickory (telephone 704/323-1211) on March 27–28, 1992 (lodging cost: $52, double room including breakfast). Reservation deadline is March 20. Kurt Lawrence and Chris Ingram will share experiences from the field.

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To register, send $15 per person and list the location you will attend to: NC Baptist Men, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512. Come not only with a hunger to know but also a desire to serve.

Program

Friday evening

7:30 p.m. Welcome
Special Music
8:00 p.m. Challenge & Inspiration
8:25 p.m. Agricultural Mission Response in a Hungry & Needy World—*John Crews, Tanzania (Kinston only)*
9:30 p.m. Fellowship

Saturday morning

7:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Opening Music & Devotion
8:30 a.m. Perspective from the Field—*Kurt Lawrence, Thailand*
9:30 a.m. Activities on the Field
10:30 a.m. Break
10:45 a.m. Music
10:50 a.m. How You Can Be Involved
Volunteer Testimony
11:30 a.m. Where Do We Go from Here?
What Can We Do?
Overview of Ag Missions

Chris Ingram
Ag Missions Consultant
Baptist State Convention

LAY RENEWAL

May Celebration Set For Caraway

We just concluded our Baptist Men's Convention in Charlotte. Those times when the group seemed most responsive were the times of celebration on the program. The Church Renewal Journey focuses on celebration also. We continually encourage churches to set aside times to celebrate the activities of God that are being manifested in the lives of their members in the form of ministries. God is always at work. By pausing to celebrate this, we are reminding our members of this and encouraging others to look for God's activities in their own lives and join with Him.

On several occasions we have had what we call a Renewal Celebration at the Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro. We have such an occasion planned for May 8–9, beginning with dinner on Friday evening, and concluding about 3:00 PM on Saturday. We are encouraging individuals to participate who have been a part of the renewal journey as laymen or pastors. Our purpose will be to encourage the participants to continue with their own personal and corporate journeys wherever they are. It could also be a time of networking for pastors who want to keep renewal alive in their churches. We know also, that it will be a time of personal enrichment for couples and individuals.

The retreat will be led by Bruce Anthony, pastor of Southeastern Baptist Church in Greensboro. Bruce has been through the renewal journey and is an excellent retreat leader. The cost for the retreat will be $33, including room and meals.

If you are interested in participating in this retreat or in knowing more about the Church Renewal Journey, contact NCBM, P O Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512 or call Chick Byrd at (704) 365–6299.

Chick Byrd
State Lay Renewal Coordinator
5714 Courtview Drive
Charlotte, NC 28226

LAY REVIVAL

Team Member Shares Testimony

The following testimony of Denny Vollmer, a Lay Revival team member from Gastonia, NC, was recently received by one of our Lay Revival Coordinators. We felt it appropriate to share with readers of *Men in Missions* publication.

A church revived: What Baptist Lay Revivals have meant to me

On March 15, 1976, Jesus became my Savior and I was filled with His Holy Spirit at a prayer meeting in a Roman Catholic church. Leading people to a saving knowledge of Jesus has been the desire of my heart since Jesus took up residence in my heart.

Over the next four years, I had some opportunities to encourage others to ask Jesus to come into their heart. I felt very incompetent. I really didn't know how.

During those years, I had become acquainted with R. T. Buckner, a brother from Alexander Memorial Baptist Church in Belmont. In April of 1980, "Buck" invited me to a lay revival in Catawba County. One week end was all it took. He and Grover Lawson taught me how. Like Stephanas (1 Cor. 16:15), I became addicted to the work of the ministry (to which every saint is called).

Over the years I have seen churches revived time and again at revivals coordinated by R. T. Buckner, Donald Greene and Julian Lanning. My own church, Faith United Methodist church in Gastonia (pastored by Barry Sullivan) began our own visitation ministry on September 1, 1990. To date (October 21, 1991) 449 persons have received Jesus as their Savior. It is all because of my training at Baptist lay revivals. Praise God!

Last October I took part in a lay revival at Providence Baptist Church in Harrisburg, NC. That was the most remarkable week end that I have ever witnessed. Andy Lawson was the coordinator. I had never met Andy before. I knew on Saturday morning that this revival was special because so many church members showed up. One lad, just saved the day before, wore a shirt with the message: "The first rule of winning is to show up!"

My teams led two couples to the Lord on Saturday. In the afternoon, we visited Mike and Joanne. Mike

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was watching the ball game. He turned the sound down and both he and his wife paid full attention to the plan of salvation that I was presenting. After we read Romans 10:9–10, I gave the invitation. Both said "yes". As we began to pray I snuck a look and noticed that the Braves had scored 4 runs in the 1st. inning. Mike and Joanne got saved and the Braves won. Hallelujah!

On Sunday afternoon, Pastor Roger Clark and I led two men to Jesus, the second of whom was suffering from cancer of the throat. The pastor was very excited as he shared these two decisions with his church. There were almost twenty other decisions.

As the members of the church began sharing what the weekend had meant to them, Pastor Roger began weeping tears of joy. They were repenting for their failures in the past. We gathered around the pastor and prayed with him. We saw the purpose of lay revivals very beautifully illustrated as one church member after the other praised God for what He was doing in their hearts.

The final invitation was to the church, to those who would support their pastor in the future. One by one, scores of church members came to the altar to pledge their support. Every one of them came.

As I was rejoicing, wondering if heaven could be sweeter than this (It is! 1 Cor. 2:9), a sweet young lady named Candace made her way to where I was standing and began hugging me, She said: "Thank you for showing me how!" Candace had been with us when Jesus saved Mike and Joanne on Saturday afternoon. Glory to God!

I have seen lives transformed many times by the gospel as they received God's saving grace. I've personally led hundreds to the Lord. But I've never seen a whole church (200+) revived to this degree in one weekend. Glory to God!

Denny is Minister of Evangelism at Faith United Methodist Church, Gastonia, NC.

If we can schedule a Lay Witness Revival for your church, or if you desire more information about a Lay Witness Revival, contact Joe Lennon, volunteer staff-Lay-Revivals, NCBM Office in Cary, NC or give us a call at (704) 495-4190.

Donald E. Greene
State Lay Revival Coordinator
Route 1, Box 444, Bethlehem
Taylorsville, NC 28681-9750

HOMELAND MISSIONS

Volunteers Needed For Summer Projects

As the summer approaches our volunteers in Homeland Missions face their largest challenge to date with projects totalling in excess of 60,000 square feet of building requests already in place and several other buildings still in the planning stages. Since some of my readers may not be well versed in construction terms let me give you some frame of reference for comparison. In the past several years since the Homeland Missions Project Ministry was organized, we have never had more than approximately 30,000 square feet of projects in a single year. That means this year we have doubled the amount of work lined up than in any past year. This is both exciting and challenging. The good word about North Carolina Baptist Men and the work that these volunteers are doing is beginning to get around. So men, lets get to it. Pass the word in your churches and seek out those groups of Baptist Men that will be willing to give of their time and resources to go and assist these Mission Churches get their buildings completed so they can continue to grow and minister to their local communities.

Listed below are the current projects with some limited information about their needs. For more information please contact the North Carolina Baptist Men's office in the State Convention Office.

Homeland Mission Projects

Houck's Chapel, Hickory
In finishing stages, sheetrock, inside trim, outside trim, brick, carpets, etc. Continuing from 1991.

Joy Mission, Hickory
Slab in place, start wall construction February 10, 1992. All labor needed.

Battered Women's Home, Brunswick County
Bolivia, U. S. Hwy. 17 S. next to Baptist Associational Building. Start—February 24, 1992. All labor needed; this is a non-denominational project with Baptist Men taking the lead.

New Faith Baptist, Stanley
Start—March 2, 1992. Full basement with rooms, sanctuary above. All labor needed; masons, carpenters, electricians, plumbers, h. v. a. c. handy people.

Lucia Baptist Mission, Lucia
N. C. Hwy. #16, 20 miles North of Charlotte, 6 miles South of Denver Construction beginning early spring (possible April or May).

Linden Baptist Church, Linden
18 miles North of Fayetteville, off Hwy. #401. Construction beginning Spring 1992.

First Korean Baptist Church, Raleigh
Construction beginning Summer 1992.

In addition to the in-state projects, in 1992 the Baptist State Convention begins a partnership with the New York State Convention. In Homeland Projects we will be promoting a list of projects from which the Baptist Men of our churches can choose to become involved. We have currently received a priority list of approximately 25 construction needs throughout the State Convention. Wayne Honeycutt, North Carolina Baptist Men Construction Coordinator traveled to New York in February to access first hand these different projects. This will allow the Baptist Men's Department to better

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match their needs with the groups in North Carolina who will be requesting projects. Listed below are the top ten projects which were prioritized by the New York State Convention.

Baptist Convention churches with construction needs

1. New Hope, Watertown
Thousand Islands Association
Ready to build on slab poured in 1991.

2. Indian River, Philadelphia
Thousands Islands Association
Need finishing workers to complete members' work.

3. Trinity Schnectady
Hudson Association
Build educational unit, will lay foundation in May 1992.

4. Bronx
Metro Association
Carpenter/tile layers January 1992.

5. French-Speaking, Stamford, CT
Metro Association
Finish up work asked for in 1991; no group came.

6. Adams Meeting House (pre-Finney Institute, September, 1992)
Thousand Islands Association
Renovate 1825 structure with community to celebrate place where Finney converted.

7. Emory Chapel, Waverly
Southern Tier Association
Continue renovation of old building where new start began in 1991. If dig well in 1992, need to install bathrooms and run pipe, etc.

8. Central, Syracuse
Greater Syracuse Association
Bathroom repair, roof, kitchen

9. Northside, Liverpool
Greater Syracuse Association
Re-shingle roof portion, paint

10. University, Syracuse
Greater Syracuse Association
Replace roof.

As you can see the challenge is great, but with the volunteers that have come forward in the past and with those who will join us for the first time in 1992 and the Lord as our guide many great things will be accomplished this year. It is imperative that we have our prayer warriors in full force to support the efforts of the people in construction.

Thanks in advance for all who will work with the Homeland Missions Ministry this year. To God be the glory.

Ernie Grigsby
State Coordinator Homeland Missions
422 East Third Street
Ayden, NC 28313

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

1992 Overseas Teams Announce Destinations

Who is our neighbor? It is the person next door, next town, next county, resident of the U. S. provinces, and the person that lives in the lands across the sea. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ and neighbors one to another. It has never been easier nor faster to communicate or travel to share with our neighbor at home or abroad. The world is waiting for the word, that we can share with them. We cannot look at the newspaper, TV, or listen to the radio without realizing that we live in a troubled world. A world that is open as never before for Christ's people to be used as his tools to mold a world revival. But we, you and I, must answer the call.

The year, 1991, saw many from North Carolina traveling to all parts of the world in human needs ministry, evangelism and being brother in Christ to those we came in contact. We had builders, doctors, pastors, teachers, farmers, bankers, etc., going using talents and Christ love to make a difference. That is what Christ called us to do when he gave us the Great Commission and we can do no less. We must make disciples and give of the best that we are and Christ will make us more than we ever thought we could be; even in a short period of time. We had laymen in Africa, East and West Europe, Asia, Middle East, South America, and the Caribbean in 1991. We can not do less in 1992. Many of you have committed to go. Teams are going to Antigua, Jamaica, Sao Paulo and Peru. We are going to Ivory Coast (Cote d'Ivoire), Nigeria, Zambia and Mali. We will have teams in Warsaw, Radosc, Bialystok as well as in the soviet states of Russia, Moldavia and Ukrain. Volunteers are planning for India and China.

The time is now; the "fields are white to harvest". You need to let your talents be used and multiplied many times. Our challenge is for each of us as Baptist in North Carolina to develop a personal relationship with one from another land in 1992. Your life will never be the same.

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Overseas Mission Coordinator
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Spruce Pine, NC 28777

DISASTER RELIEF

Training Session is April 24-25 at Caraway

On Friday and Saturday, April 24-25, 1992, we will be conducting our annual Disaster Relief Training Session. This year's training will be held at the Caraway Conference Center just outside of Asheboro, NC. This training session is open to anyone who is interested in being trained to assist with North Carolina Baptist Men's Disaster Relief efforts. The following sessions will be offered in this training:

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I. Crisis Counseling Send caring people who are good listeners and have had some counseling experience.

II. Recovery Services Construction skills would be helpful, but not required; clean up is much of what this involves.

III. Radio Operations Need licensed Ham Radio operators.

IV. Feeding Unit Crew No skills necessary.

V. Truck Drivers Must be licensed.

VI. Developing Associational Disaster Response

This conference is especially for Directors of Missions, CCM Directors and Associational Brotherhood Directors.

VII. Red Cross Training for persons having completed NCBM Disaster Training.

This training session will begin with supper on Friday evening and conclude after lunch on Saturday.

There is a $35 per person registration cost, which covers the cost of all lodging, meals, as well as all program and material costs. **Pre-registration is required.**

Pre-Registration for Disaster Relief Training Session, April 24-25, 1992, at Caraway Conference Center

Name_____

Association_____

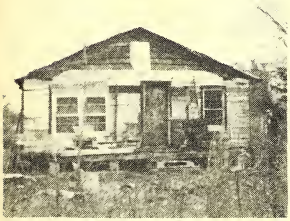
Address_____

City/State/Zip_____

Day telephone_____

Enclosed is $_____ ($35 per person) for____ (# of people) who will attend the Disaster Relief Training Session at Caraway on April 24-25, 1992.

Make check payable to N.C. Baptist Men, PO Box 1107, Cary, N.C. 27512



Hugo Testimony

Tragedies become blessings. This could be the headlines for some of Hurricane Hugo's victims in Williamsburg County, South Carolina. Touched by the hand of God through the hands of God's people, the lives of some have been changed forever. Ron Case of the Horse Shoe First Baptist church in the Carolina Association spearheaded the movement to "make all things work together for good".

Working together with his employer E. I. DuPont Company of Brevard and the Carolina Baptist Association, Ron has been at the helm of rebuilding projects to restore five homes that had been damaged by Hugo. Their most recently completed project was the construction of a new home for Raymond Fulmore, a mildly retarded bachelor whose home was heavily damaged by the winds of Hugo.

In conjunction with the Baptist Men's Department of the North Carolina State Baptist Convention, the Carolina Association provided the building materials for Raymond's new home. E. I. Dupont underwrote all expenses for their employees who had volunteered their time and abilities to erect a new home for Raymond.

Richard Crapps
State Coordinator Disaster Relief
2401 Memorial Drive
Greenville, NC 27834

RECREATIONAL MINISTRY

Rest Stop Ministries Planned

I hope all of you have made plans for your resort ministries this spring and summer. Planning is one of the most important parts of having a successful ministry. There are many opportunities to use our gifts and talents to share Christ. Check with your church or association to see what they have planned so that you may become involved.

On the state level, we are urging the church and associations to become involved in the holiday "Rest Stop Ministry". Plans should already be set to have a Memorial Day ministry or you may have to wait until the next holiday week-end.

There are several associations that have expressed an interest in doing a rest stop this Memorial Day. The Raleigh Association Baptist Men are planning one for the first time. Flat River Association has expressed an interest in starting one also.

Haywood recently did a "Rest Stop Ministry" and all reports say it was outstanding. Buncombe is still going great with their ministries and would be a good one to look at or draw on for advice. They have really excelled in these ministries.

It is my prayer that one day as you travel across North Carolina every rest stop will have a group of our people out there showing the love of Jesus to others.

There are still many areas of North Carolina that would be open to this ministry. We never know what will develop from the seed we plant. Interstate #95 would be a good place to start. Johnston and Stedman Baptist Church are doing a part of this. Other areas we need to start are McDowell, Catawba, Iredell, Gaston, Cabarrus, Davie/Forsyth, Davidson, Guilford, Alamance and Nash. If your church or association would have an interest; please feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Hope all of you have a great summer!

Jim Burchette
State Resort and Recreation Ministries
4704 Waterbury Road
Raleigh, NC 27604

Truck Stop Ministry Testimony

On September 27, 1991 my husband was able to come home for the week end and he brought these 3 pamphlets home telling me how he had picked them up at a truck stop and he really thought they were good and for me to order some.

I had been praying for Jimi and me to become better Christians and to be closer to the Lord for a while. God answered my prayers. Jimi had finally quit running from the Lord and had me write to Moody Bible Institute for him to enroll in correspondence courses to be an evangelist.

Jimi always told me truckers were pretty much forgotten out there and that people treated them like trash. We had even discussed traveling and witnessing on the road.

We spent a really nice week end together. As Jimi left out Sunday night we prayed and kissed good by. He said he'd call me Monday night and he loved me.

Monday morning I had a visit from our sheriff. I thought he was campaigning as it was election time. He had come to inform me Jimi had been killed in Oakman, Alabama that morning in a one vehicle wreck and was killed instantly. He was only 28 too young to die.

The only thing that has kept me from going insane is the fact that Jimi had re-dedicated his life to the Lord and I knew he was in heaven with Jesus. I knew that the Lord would neither leave me or forsake me and would be my strong fortress during this storm.

How ironic those pamphlets that some Christian left at a truck stop that my husband read and brought home seemed. I thank that unknown Christian.

Please, don't forget the truckers. Please pray for more to have the concern your church has. It's a spiritual desert on the road and they need you. You sow the seed God does the rest.

Thank you all,
Brenda Welch
(submitted by Wes Lytton, Statesville)

ROYAL AMBASSADOR NEWS

Pioneer RA/High School Baptist Young Men Convention is March 27-28

The 1992 Pioneer and HSBYM Convention will be held on the Wingate College Campus on March 27-28. An exciting program is being planned so make plans now to attend. This event is for 7-12 grade young men and their leaders.

Some highlights of this year's program will be testimonies, special music, Saturday morning conferences, Saturday afternoon sports competitions (3 on 3 basketball tournament, basketball free throw competition, basketball shoot around, ping pong and tennis tournament, swimming contest, etc.), banner contest, speak out competition, missionary speakers, and much more.

For more information, please write or call: NC Baptist Men, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512; telephone (800) 395-5102.

Lad/Crusader RA Congress will be April 11

The Lad/Crusader Royal Ambassador Congress is for boys in grades 1-6. The RA Congress is one of the highlights of the year for Lad and Crusader RA chapters. There will be three congresses held on the same day at different locations: East Kennedy Home Campus, Kinston; Central Baptist Children's Home, Thomasville; and West First Baptist Church, Hildebran.

Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. with the program beginning at 10:30 a.m. The program will include: special music, a missionary presentation with slides; feature presentation; mission fair exhibit; air rifle competition; field day events; the RA car competition; banner contest; and lunch on Saturday.

All boys must be registered to participate in any of the following events: field day events, mission fair, air rifle competition, RA car competition, or banner contest. Registration is from 8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Arrive early to allow ample time for registration. Cost is $5 per person which covers all program costs, trophies, and lunch.

Please return the registration form below to: **NC Baptist Men, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512-1107.**

Lad/Crusader Congress Registration

We will attend the Congress at the following location: (check one)

_____ Kennedy Home Campus, Kinston

_____ Baptist Children's Home, Thomasville

_____ First Baptist Church, Hildebran

Counselor or Adult Leader _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Day phone _____

Church _____ Association _____

Enclosed is $_____ for _____ (#) @ $5.00 per person = $_____

Total enclosed: _____

Note: Registration is NOT refundable after March 27, 1992.

Deadline: Thursday, April 2, for guaranteed lunch. Please register for Congress no later than April 3.

Camp Caraway to open for 30th summer on June 15

The North Carolina Baptist Men's Department will open boy's camp at Camp Caraway on Monday, June 15. This marks the 30th summer of boy's camp at Caraway. Camp Caraway is centrally located about seven miles from Asheboro, North Carolina in the beautiful Uwharrie Mountains.

The goal of Camp Caraway is to teach every camper that he is a uniquely special individual because he was created by God and is loved by God. Each boy is special and has something to offer. In every activity including air rifles, archery, basketball, canoeing, crafts, and rapelling, the staff tries to show each boy the limitless potential he has through Christ.

Royal Ambassador/High School Baptist Young Men track meet is May 15-16

Once again North Carolina Baptist Men will sponsor the annual Royal Ambassador/High School Baptist Young Men's track meet on May 15-16, 1992. This time of athletic competition is filled with times of fellowship for all participants.

The State Royal Ambassador/High School Baptist Young Men's track meet will be held at Southwest Randolph High School in Asheboro, North Carolina. Any association may send representatives providing that these boys run in an associational Royal Ambassador/High School Baptist Young Men's track meet. All track rules and guidelines for running an associational track meet are in the Brotherhood Sports Rule Book. Another set of rules and all necessary entry forms will be sent to Associational RA Directors later in the winter. Note that no association will be accepted after May 6, 1992; therefore, the associational track meet must be run before that date.

If you have any questions on this event, please call Kendell Cameron at North Carolina Baptist Men. Also, please call Baptist Men on any question you might have on the rules for this event.

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The key to the summer program at Camp Caraway lies in the ability to hire an outstanding staff that genuinely cares for each camper. Each of the twenty-five dedicated young men on the staff at Caraway works hard to live up to the staff motto: Every camper deserves a counselor that cares for them just as Christ does.

The cost for a week at Caraway is $85. This fee provides for room, meals, accident insurance, program and staff supervision. For the first time this registration fee includes a Caraway t-shirt for every boy who comes. Each boy will then need a modest amount that should not exceed twenty-five dollars for crafts, mission offering, other Caraway items, and snacks. The mission offering this year will go to help the evangelistic efforts of the High School Baptist Young Men's basketball trip to China.

For more information and an application, write the North Carolina Baptist Men's Department, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512-1107. For specific questions concerning the summer program, call Kendell Cameron at North Carolina Baptist Men.

Lad Father/Son Mini-Weeks Held June 29-July 1 & 2-4

For the fourth summer in a row, North Carolina Baptist Men is happy to sponsor our Father/Son Mini-Weeks for boys ages 6-8 and their fathers, grandfathers, or Lad counselors during the week of July 4. The dates for this years mini-weeks are June 29-July 1 and July 2-4.

These exciting mini-weeks give these boys a chance to enjoy Camp Caraway at an early age without the fear of being away from family. While the staff of Camp Caraway leads the activities, the program for the mini-week is designed to give one-on-one time between fathers and sons in Bible study, mission study, and worship. There will also be plenty of time for air rifles, archery, canoeing, swimming, and a host of other fun activities. For every three boys that attend camp, there must be at least one adult.

The cost for the mini-week is $40 per person and includes a Caraway t-shirt. For more information and an application, write the North Carolina Baptist Men's Department, P O Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512-1107.

Christian High Adventure to begin June14th.

The NC Baptist Men's Department will conduct six weeks of Christian High Adventure (CHA), beginning on June 14. Any boy, ages 14 1/2 and up can participate in a CHA trip.

The purpose of CHA is in relating the challenge and adventure of a wilderness camping experience to the challenge and adventure of the Christian life. CHA involves spending a week on the Appalachian Trail, learning about and participating in backpacking and mountaineering. Training is provided in trip planning, cooking, hiking, safety, clothing/equipment, and a limited amount of climbing and/or rapelling. Boys who are interested should be in good physical condition. This is an exciting opportunity.

Total cost to participate in a trip is $105. The $105 fee covers your transportation from Camp Caraway to the trail and back, all food supplies, instruction, and the use of all needed backpacking equipment. You provide your own boots and personal clothing. For more information and an application, write the N.C. Baptist Men's Department, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512

Royal Ambassador University to be in May

RA University, an in-depth training, sharing, and exploring time that will unlock the counseling potential of the nations's RA leadership, will be held at Rhodes College, May 28-31, near the national Brotherhood Commission headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee. RA University is the most important training event you will ever attend.

What's causing all the excitement? It's a national training event that has been aimed at every Royal Ambassador counselor, director or committee member in every local church across the country.

The May event will offer top training by leading professionals in basic and advanced Royal Ambassador courses.

RA University will emphasize "hands-on" experience in Royal Ambassador counseling, teaching, and planning techniques. General sessions will include panel discussions, brainstorming, and exploration of future Royal Ambassador programming.

This is not just another Royal Ambassador training event. It is a significant step in Royal Ambassador leadership training. The cost is only $145 per person. It includes room (based on shared room), meals, materials, and conference fee.

Unlock your RA program potential. Join us at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee May 28-31, 1992. Fill out the reservation form below and send it to RA University, Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38104-2493.

RA University Reservation Form

Copy and fill out this form for each person attending. Enclose a $25 deposit per person to reserve your place at RA University **(refundable 30 days before conference only).**

Additional registration materials including course selection and room information will be sent when we receive this form. Mail this form before April 3, 1992.

Name _____ Church _____

Address _____

City _____ State____ Zip_____ Home Phone _____

Bus. Phone _____ RA Position _____

Mail this form and deposit to: RA University, Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38104-2493 before April 3, 1992

Adult Campcraft Training Sessions set in April, September & October

The Adult Campcraft Training Session, set Apr. 24-26, Sept.18-20 and Oct. 23-25, Caraway, is for all RA counselors and HSBYM advisors. This training will equip counselors to teach and lead successful, safe and meaningful camping experiences. There are three levels of instructions: Basic, Advanced, and Instructor.

All three levels involve learning and teaching 12 camping skill areas. Cost is $30 per person. All participants must provide their own tent and sleeping bag.

Sessions will begin at 6:00 pm on Friday and conclude at 1:00 pm on Sunday.

Pre-Registration for Adult Campcraft Training Session at Caraway Conference Center

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Day Phone _____

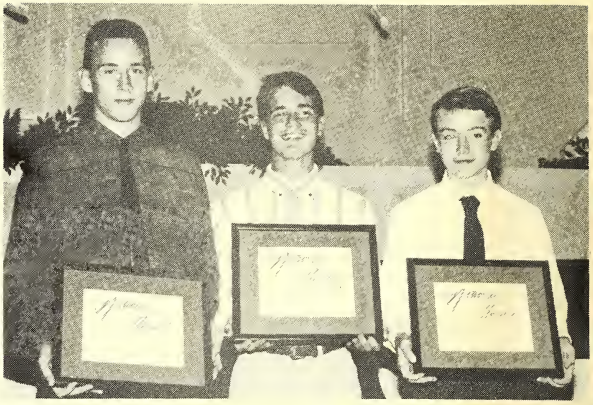
Church/Association _____

Number of people who will be attending at $30 per person.

Weekend attending: _____ April 24-26 _____ Sept. 18-20 _____ Oct. 23-25

Make your check payable to NC Baptist Men
Mail to: NCBM Department, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512

Three N.C. Youth Named Pioneer/ RA National Award Winners



Three young men received last November the highest honor bestowed to Pioneer Royal Ambassadors by the SBC Brotherhood Commission. The National Pioneer Adventurer Award, one that requires years of intensive study and work, was presented to: Jeremy Cox, a student at Northwest Cabarrus High School and son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cox; Henry Ridenhour, a student at Central Cabarrus High School and son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ridenhour; and Robbey Zink, a student at South Rowan High School and son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Zink.

To be eligible for this award, each young man completed his Pathfinder, Trailblazer, Guide and Adventurer advancement book as well as completing a number of mission projects. In doing so they fulfilled their Royal Ambassador pledge: to become well-informed, responsible followers of Christ; to have a Christ-like concern for all people; to learn how the message of Christ is carried around the world; to work with others in sharing Christ, and to keep themselves clean and healthy in mind and body. To accomplish their goal these individuals completed at least 90 projects, each project emphasizing one aspect of their pledge. Concluding the program, each recipient gave an evaluation of the program's impact on his life.

These three young men and Mark Atwood from Mocksville are the only four young men who have ever earned this award in North Carolina. There are only eight young men in the entire Nation who have earned this award.

High School Baptist Young Men Go To Dominican Republic

A team of 13 High School Baptist Young Men went to the Dominican Republic last December to assist foreign missionary Roger Gaunt in painting and wiring of a Baptist church. The church also supports a Christian school which meets in the church during the week.

The team painted five large class rooms (including 12 foot ceilings, for which scaffolding had to be made to reach); two school offices; kitchen and dinning area; large connecting area and bathrooms; as well as three new classrooms on second floor.

Part of the team also wired the second floor class rooms for outlets, switches and fluorescent ceiling fixtures; wired lights in the section connecting the school and the church area, so it could also be used as needed space for classes; and made several electrical repairs throughout the building.

An amplifier and sound system was purchased in the states and carried by the team and set up in the church. This was a much needed item because of the street noise that made hearing the preaching almost impossible. The church and school have openings for windows but no glass to keep out noise.

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Back row left to right: Ray Moore, Howard Ammons, Eric Payseur, Jon Jewell, Jud Holifield, Bob Foy. Middle row left to right: Aron Fogle, Mike Arnold, Gene Branson, Dennis Lamm, Kent Jewell. Front row left to right: Malcom Mize, Christopher James.

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Two members of the team left the church/school project in the city of Bonoa and went 3 and 1/2 hours to the city of Puerto Plaza and were able to rewire a house that a missionary was scheduled to move into. The house was vandalized and the electrical panel and wiring was taken. They were also able to wire the house for a standby generator, necessary because of the frequent power outages that occur there regularly.

New Years day was spent at a natural 100 foot high waterfall lake swimming area with many Dominican youth that joined in the painting project. Missionary Roger Gaunt also took the team on a tour of five water wells and storage tanks which were recently completed and now furnish the only clean water for several area villages. He explained that these water systems were paid for and installed by Southern Baptist through our World Hunger Offerings.

Spanish Bibles were handed out and the team members were able to witness to many during the eleven day trip. Each also had the chance to give his personal testimonies, speaking through an interpreter, during the Sunday morning and evening services as well as at special Tuesday and Wednesday Youth meetings.

The team members were:
Eric Paysuer, Gastonia
Judson Hollifield, Stanley
Jon Jewell, Mooresville
Malcom Mize, Alexis
Christopher James, Whittier
Howard Ammons, Mooresville
Mike Arnold, Rocky Mount
Aron Fogle, Bennett
Ray Moore, Moorsville
Gene Branson, Moorsville
Kent Jewell, Mooresville
Dennis Lamm, Rocky Mount
Bob Foy, Mooresville

1990-1991 North Carolina Crusader/RA Chapter of the Year. Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Boone. *First row, left to right: Karen Petrey, Drew Petrey, Justin Thomas, Dustin Petrey. Second row: Winston Petrey, Billy Ritchie, Seth Triplett, Thomas Brown, Josh Eller, Tricia Derrick. Back row, Drew Derrick. Not pictured; Benjamin Greene, Matt Roten, Zachary Nelson, Rob Nelson.*

The Glenn Graves Lad Chapter of Elizabeth Baptist Church was named the North Carolina Lad Chapter of the year for 1990-1991.
Pictured above, left to right: First row seated: Brian Belvin, Lan Allen, Derek Allen, Matthew McGee, Chad Reed. Second row seated: Mark Shope, Paxton Tallent, Patrick Brown, Andy Linneberger, Cline Ingle Standing: Glenn Graves (chapter missionary) Kenny Lowrance, Marie Gantt, Kevin Mull, Janet Brown. Not pictured: David Canipe, Kyle Bridges.

National Missions Challenge Award. Travis Critcher and Joe Greene of Mount Vernon Baptist, Boone were presented the National Missions Challenge Award during this year's NC Baptist Men's Convention. The National Missions Challenge Award requires 750 hours of volunteer missions service. *Pictured left to right: Bud Russell, Counselor; Joe Greene; Travis Critcher; Richard Brunson, State RA Director.*

New RA Shirt Design Available

A new style Royal Ambassador shirt is now being printed. This attractive and top quality shirt is available only through the NC Baptist Men's office. The cost is $4.50 (no additional shipping or handling charges). Please use the form below to order these new shirts for your RA group.

RA Shirt Order Form

Detach and return with your check payable to NC Baptist Men, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512.

Size	Quantity	
Boys (14-16)	_____	$ _____
Adult S	_____	_____
Adult M	_____	_____
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° Adult XL	_____	_____
ORDER TOTAL @ $4.50 each		$ _____

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Address (UPS delivery) _____

City _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Church _____

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